

REMARKS

This Election is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2004. In the Office Action, the application was restricted between two inventions, which the Examiner asserts are patentably distinct: Group I, comprising claims 1-26, and Group II, comprising claims 27-46.

Applicants have elected, without traverse, to prosecute the invention designated by the Examiner as Group I, comprising claims 1-26. Consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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